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Per our telephone conversation of December 1, 1988, I would like to request a briefing on several issues relating to the situation in Somalia. As mentioned previously and in the notification letter to the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, on October 4, 1988, GAO is conducting a review of U.S. assistance to Somalia.

We have a number of concerns and questions which we would like to discuss, which include

- the extent that humanitarian abuses occurred during the conflict, by whom, and the extent that they are still occurring;
- the prospects for a peaceful reconciliation with the present regime;
- an assessment of the strength and power of the Somali National Movement to sustain a protracted conflict;
- anticipated reaction from MG Mohammed Siad Barre if U.S. assistance is cut off, or significantly decreased;
- the extent and types of weapons, ammunition, and military supplies that Barre has solicited and received from other countries, such as Libya;
- the extent that the Somali government used and continues to use Rhodesian mercenaries and armed Ogaden refugees to fight against the Issaks; and

--the extent that U.S. weapons were used in the conflict and whether U.S. food aid was used to feed the military or para-military.

I hope this provides enough information for your purposes. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Nomi Taslitt
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Evaluator-in-Charge

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The Honorable William H. Webster
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Director, External Affairs

Dear Mr. Webster:

Congressman Sam Gejdenson has requested us to review the U.S. security assistance program to Somalia. He is particularly concerned about U.S. military aid to that country in light of the current conflict in the north and reported severe human rights abuses by the government using military equipment allegedly provided by the United States.

Our objectives will be to examine: (1) U.S. strategic interests in Somalia and how they have changed; (2) how U.S. interests relate to current military and economic funding levels; (3) what military equipment is needed and required for external and domestic purposes; (4) how the present civil war should influence the flow of U.S. security assistance; and (5) how U.S. equipment has been used in the current conflict in northern Somalia, particularly against civilians.

This work will be conducted under assignment code 463773. Should you require further information on the assignment, please contact Stewart L. Tomlinson, Group Director, or Nomi R. Taslitt, Evaluator-in-Charge, on 695-1713.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Kelley

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